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1474 Manuscript, Bought For \$50, Found Rarity

Pittsburgh (UP)—When Thomas Mellon bought a 470-year-old man-uscript for \$50 several years ago, he didn't realize that his chance pur-chase would turn out to be the only book of its kind in the world.

The manuscript, an abridgement of Duns Scotus' writing on philosophy, is written on fine vellum in two columns on 50 leaves, signed by the scribe, Paulus Parianus, in 1474, and is described as "a fine

perfect copy."
"I bought the manuscript from a man named Voinich in New York about 25 years ago," said Mellon, nephew of the late financier, Andrew Mellon, after he presented it to the University of Pittsburgh Library. "I didn't know that it was valuable, but I thought Pitts would like to have it."

University officials were greatly University officials were greatly surprised recently to get a letter from the Society of St. Anthony in Rome requesting a photostat of the manuscropt, which was sent to them immediately. The request was made by the committee of Editors of Duns Scotus works, through the Cosmopolitan Science and Art Serv-

Scotus writings, entitled 'Opinions,' Honolulu, the capital. is attributed to many English scholars, to Roger Bacon and Rogers Angelicus.

It is probable that the inquiry will bring to the fore the question of Hawaii's future political status.

Dr. Richards Favors Universal Language

-A common language will be an English incredibly easy to master, economic necessity after the war, because they will help people to and English is the most practical work more intensively. international tongue, Dr. I. A. Richards of Harvard university, pioneer ing a bathtub that leaks," he ex- hood and 22,428 against

in basic English, said today. tion and the resultant needs for tion pictures and television, apworld-wide controls of all kinds will pealing as they do to both the eye call for an immediately available and the ear, help the mind to re-universal language," said Dr. Rich-tain what it has learned, and to pick ards who had just finished supervis- up new material more quickly. They Hawaiians feel that this nearly 70 ing the first sound motion picture ever produced to aid in English him. language teaching. The film is to work along with the first comic strip introduction to English which

he also has just completed.

The English language would be best suited to the function of the common tongue, he told the United Press in an interview, for these four

1. It can be made easiest for learners and lends itself best to the new 2. It is already used to some ex-

tent by the largest number of people 3. It contains the most universally useful literature 4. It is likely to serve best as a

Attempts to simplify most modern languages often destroy their from simple English to the full use ing the number of words to 850, and | to get a 10- or 15- pounder. by cutting down rules for using

Motion pictures and television, Dr.

plained. "If you don't fill it faster "Development of air transporta- than it leaks, you get nowhere. Mowon't replace the teacher, enly aid

> Why a common language? Dr. Richards maintains that the United Nations no longer can risk

settling boundary disputes. And no hawaii's aspirations one familiar with the Far East Advocates of stat it in any real sense."

TYRO LANDS BIG ONE

Vancouver, Wash .- (UP) -For a beginner, David Bennett is doing usefulness," Dr. Richards said. "This okay as a fisherman. His first atis not so in English because there tempt to catch a steelhead resulted is nothing to unlearn in passing in his landing just about the biggest specimen ever hooked in this area. of the language. Basic English is It measeured 41 inches and weighed just English made simple by limit- 25 pounds. Most anglers are lucky

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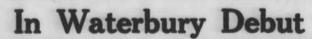
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FISK JUBILEE SINGERS

Congress Investigation In Hawaii Seen Bringing Statehood To Fore tion of the Congregational Churches to establish a liberal arts college for Negroes and took over the hos-

By CHARLES R. McCABE United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, March 7—(UP)—A Congressional subcommittee will

visit Hawaii soon, marking the first investigation of the islands since pre-Pearl Harbor days, when Hawaiians by plebiscite voted for admission into the Union as the 49th State.

The visit, which will be undertaken by a House Naval Affairs Johannes Duns Scotus was one of the great thinkers of the Middle Ages. He was a professor of theology at Oxford, later moving to Paris and then to Cologne, where the died in 1997 The children and war workers of servicemen and war workers of the health of the servicemen and war workers of the particularly and particularly the ten-delegate from Hawaii an anytous and elevators and short tour through the north. At Columbus, Ohio, after the stands was undertaken in 1937 by a joint committee of the senate singers on tour to nearby cities in the south.

In October 1871, Mr. White was taking his singers on tour to nearby cities in the south.

D. Utah. The group of 12 senators and twelve representatives plus and twelve representatives plus a he died in 1308. The abridgement of into the territory and particularly

and Kauai—the joint committee recommended in its official report to congress that action on the During the next few months and The senators and I had been statehood question he deferred until the Hawaiians had an oppor-Cambridge, Mass., March 7. (UP) Richards predicts, will make basic tunity to express their sentiments. In 1940 a plebiscite on statehood was conducted in the terri-tory. Out of a total of 68,552 votes 46,124 voted in favor of state-

Last Visit in 1937

War Record Cited The joint committee in its report stated that "unmistakable evidence that a substantial majority desire statehood should precede

dence" of the wishes of the majority. human race live in isolation.

"No one" who knows central Europe," he said, "Doubts that a statehood resolution in the last case. Europe," he said, "Doubts that a statehood resolution in the last sescommon" secondary language of discussion would aid considerably in mainly to keep record clear on of the past. In America they were

Advocates of statehood say Hadoubts that China and Japan must waii's war record has strengthened have sung with the great Symphoni find access in languages to the world's thought, if they are to join Union. Among other things, they geles and Detroit. The present group crease in plantation manpower ist. tax contributions to the Federal Treasury. Statistics show that Hawaii's year 1942 exceeded that of many

of the states 1944 Platforms in Favor

Hawaii's legislature meets in the early part of this year and it is almost certain that the island lawmakers will reaffirm their oftenexpressed desire for equal political footing with the other states. Their action will find support in the Democratic and Republican party platforms adopted in 1944.

The Democratic platform fa-ored "enactment of legislation granting the fullest measure of self-government" for the three major territories and statehood for Alaska and Hawaii." The Republican convention declared that "Hawaii, which shares the nation's obligations equally with the several states, is entitled to the fullest measure of homerule looking toward statehood.

BAGLESS PANTS, MAYBE

Cambridge, Mass. (UP)-There's good possibility that postwar pants won't bag. The Monsalto antislip process to make fibers stay Chemical Co. is working on an put. The process is called "syton," the Industrial Bulletin reports, and is a dispersion of minute parts of silica in water. The mixture is sprayed on the fabric and prevents

Private A. T. Horne of Redlett, England, spent most of his leave at his prewar job-carting coal.

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FISK SINGERS **HERE TONIGHT**

Famous Negro Group to Present Concert at Second Church

The story of the Fisk Jubilee Singers who will appear in a concert at the Second Congregational church Wednesday evening, March 7 at 8 o'clock is one of the most dramatic tales in the history of music. When the Union army left their barracks in Nashville, Tenn., shortly after the end of the war between the states, General Clinton B. Fisk met with representatives of the American Missionary Associapital barracks for schoolrooms. Among the teachers who came to Nashville to work under the auspices of the American Missionary association was a young man by the name of George L. White. picked out the more promising voices among the students at this new school which came to be called The last congressional visit to Fisk university and it was not long subcommittee under the chairman- the islands was undertaken in 1937 before Mr. White was taking his

Samuel W. King, was authorized White decided to call his chorus the vestigation" into the question of statehood and other matters lating to the territory's welfare.

Vestigation" into the question of statehood and other matters relating to the territory's welfare.

After the matter state man out. He uses plain, old-lashloned with a bald noggin hauled part of a 1942, two-door sedan into the appears again and again in the senate caucus room. "conduct a comprehensive in- Fisk Jubilee Singers from the Bib-After intensive hearings in the spirituals. Shortly after the new islands of Oahu, Hawaii and Molo-kai and visits by committeemen to Beecher of Plymouth church, on the tables and then the floor, the other two major islands—Maul Brooklyn, then the most popular lit a small bonfire in an ash tray, minister in the country invited the and proceeded to knock the props Fisk Jubilee Singers to his church out from under me. Out from under

years the Fisk Jubilee Singers listening for days to the aluminum gained first a national and then a worldwide reputation. They sang at the World Peace Jubilee in Boston We had seen an evening gown of and John Wanamaker and other woven aluminum thread, a dishprominent citizens invited them to washer of magnesium. a wheel-Philadelphia where they packed the barrow you could hold in one hand, Academy of Music. The governors and a metallic wrapper guaranteed of various northern states welcomed to make a grapefruit last forever. them in public ceremonies and be- or almost. fore very long they were singing in the White House in Washington. was Henry J. Kaiser, who told in The first trip abroad was made unfavorable action by congress." Many der the patronage of the Earl of a cabinet radio with the bass key Shaftsbury. His private concert turned on full force) about alumiper cent favorable vote in the plebis- brought out members of parliament cite constitutes "unmistakable evi- and the diplomatic corps as well as ler skates. Both, he said, were the praise from the music critics of the fastest of their mind. tion of "status" has been placed behind the job of wining the war.

Hawaii's delegate in Coveres of the Invitations came to sing before the London Times, News and Telegraph.

Gladstone, then prime minister of

appear at the Hollywood Bowl. They point to the islands' continued consists of six musicians-five sing production of war-essential ers under the direction of Mrs. sugar in face of a substantial de- James A. Myers, and an accompan-

WORLD WAR II A YEAR AGO

(By United Press) U. S. Marines land near Talasea on Willaumez Peninsula, New Britain, about 160 miles southwest of Rabaul and 110 miles northeast of their base at Cape Gloucester.

On Russian front, Soviet troops drive ahead on a 200-mile front toward Tarnopol and Proskurov. The Mediterranean Air Force raids the former French naval

base on Toulon. Finland reported to have asked for a clarification of Moscow's terms for peace negotiations.

British Admiralty announces

loss of the cruiser, Penelope. In London, A. V. Alexander, First Sea Lord, tells the House of Commons that ship losses to sub-marines in the Atlantic during the last half of 1943 were fewer than one in 1,000.

Depletion of herds by two wars Ethiopian export of hides and skins | the part in which the sparkplugs

Red Army Reaches Baltic



Advancing 62 miles in four days, Red Army forces penetrated Pomerania and reached the Baltic Sea. Reds claim that 250,000 Nazi troops are trapped in area of Danzig as indicated by arrow on map. Stargard, key Pomeranian rail hub 20 miles southeast of Stettin, has been captured. Stettin, now within Red artillery range, is the center of Berlin's

Aluminum No Good For Post-War Cars

By FRERERICK C. OTHMAN
Washington, March 7—(UP)—
With a huffing and a puffing, plus
The durn thing buckled was the condense of With a huffing and a puffing, plus a clattehing and a banging against the white marble walls, a little man out. He uses plain, old-fashioned

He spread this machinery, and a

The last of the light metal boys num warships and magnesium rol-

All this sounded wonderful and

In came W. S. James, chief en-gineer of the Studebaker Corp., the first group of Negro singers to with his arms full of pistons, crank shafts and pinion gears. Behind him struggled his assistants, with those doors, chunks of steel and aluminum, springs, brake blocks an dother viscera from a motor car. James lit his fire (and burned his finger) to prove that aluminum is an elegant heat conductor. Good for automobile pistons.

But if you make other parts of automobiles out of aluminum, he continued, you discoverd that the stuff stretches, breaks, springs leaks, and costs about twice too much. It isn't much good for automobiles, he said. James turns out a 3.200 pound automobile, which he said contain exactly six pounds of aluminum.

Consider those two doors, he

One was steel, weighed 45 pounds. and used \$2.45 cents worth of metal. The other was aluminum, weighed 22 pounds, and cost \$4.94. You can't double the cost of automobiles just to make 'em light, he

One of his machinery haulers added for my special benefit—the senators didn't hear him—that the aluminum door was junk. Slam it shut, he said, and you smash the window glasses. Nudge it gently, he added, and it crumples. Tch-tch. Sen. James E. Murray of Montana, & Co., who are trying to stimulate business after the war. seemed to feel tch-tchish, too. They got James to admit that if the price

He said he would consider it, anyhow. He recalled, however, that and reduced slaughter for meat be-cause of high prices has cut the for an automobile engine. (That's

of aluminum were cut in half, he

London, March 7 - (U.P.) - The

day will come when it will be as unthinkable to have a home withhave a home without a window. That is the opinion of F. B. Dun-

can, chairman of Britain's newly-formed radio industry council, who announced that the council had petitioned the television committee for permission to restart broadcasts as soon as war with Germany ends. "The industry aims to provide good television sets for the largest

possible public," Duncan said. The joy and pleasure that will be brought into millions of homes by television is so great that it would be difficult to overestimate.
"I am not going to suggest a price at which the first sets may be

sold. The public must not expect the price of post-war television will be any lower than 1939 in the early Duncan asserted that the radio industry virtually won the Battle

of Britain by enabling "the few" to know where to go to meet the masses of German bombers. Sir Robert Renwick, controller of communications of the Air Ministry, said that "the story of radio-

location will prove to be a fantastic "Hundreds and thousands of lives have been saved by radio-location. Hundreds and thousands of Germans and Japanese could be killed



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